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**TRANSCRIPT**

**EPA/Win Scenario -- Tobacco States**

A FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT HAS REJECTED A MOTION FILED BY THE EPA TO DISMISS A LAWSUIT BROUGHT AGAINST THE AGENCY BY A GROUP OF TOBACCO GROWERS AND BUSINESSES. THAT LAWSUIT, WHICH NOW GOES TO TRIAL, SEEKS TO HAVE THE EPA'S REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE DECLARED NULL AND VOID. ROBERT WEBER IS AN ATTORNEY IN THE CASE.

"We're delighted by this ruling which forces EPA to defend its conduct, in court. In a court of law, rules of science and evidence will control, not EPA's predetermined and biased policies."

THE EPA HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH MANIPULATING SCIENTIFIC DATA AND OVERSTEPPING ITS REGULATORY AUTHORITY. FRED BOND OF THE FLUE-CURED TOBACCO COOPERATIVE STABILIZATION CORPORATION, A PLAINTIFF IN THE CASE.

"The livelihood of tens-of-thousands of tobacco farmers should not be subjected to the political whims of a government agency. We are pleased by the court's decision and we hope our lawsuit will end the EPA's practice of basing public policy on politics rather than sound science."

I'M JAMES HILL.

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